



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20.

As the people of Italy are in need of meat, and as American meat is cheaper than that of their own country, the Italian ministry, knowing that government to be acceptable must be for the good of the many and not of the few, has wisely determined to remove all the restrictions upon the importation of meat from this country; but it takes pains to let the fact be understood that it does so without the slightest idea relating to any present or future propositions for a reciprocity treaty, and that its only purpose in doing so is to let its people buy meat in the cheapest market. So the Italian case also shows that the McKinley bill did not, as Mr. Blaine said it would not, do, to increase the sale of American pork to the extent of even as much as a single pound. The removal of restrictions upon the sale of the necessities of life by foreign governments increases the sale and reduces the price of those necessities abroad. A like result would be the effect of a like course in this country. But the protectionists say it would not, and that even if it would, cheapness is not desired, as "a cheap coat makes a cheap man."

The New York World is engaged in an attempt to raise a fund to reopen the Maybrick case—to that fund the Blaine family has made a large contribution—and asks if the rich women in New York have no ear for such an appeal? It is to be hoped not. Mrs. Maybrick, an American woman, was convicted by a disinterested jury of Englishmen, who were really prepossessed in her favor by her personal beauty, of deliberately poisoning the man she had married by slow degrees, administering the drug to him as a loving and tender wife would give medicine to her sick husband, and watching its daily effect with well assumed wifely solicitude and anxiety. Most every body who read the evidence in the case thinks Mrs. Maybrick and her friends should thank their stars that she was not hanged instead of imprisoned, as, according to that evidence, she must be a very devil in the guise of an angel.

BRANCHES of the society that has been organized to put a stop to fraudulent pensions have been established in several cities of the North. The most effective means that could be adopted to effect the object referred to would be to publish a list of the names of all the pensioners in every county in the newspapers of that county once a year, with a request that if any body knows why any of them are not entitled to pensions, he should inform the pension office to that effect, anonymously, if not bold enough to do so otherwise, so that an investigation may be made.

GOVERNOR HILL of New York, in Richmond yesterday, coupled General Washington and General Robert E. Lee, speaking of the latter as "that great general," and one of those accompanied him, Senator Voorhees, said he exulted in the names of General Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. This was in marked contrast with the action of another democrat who had once been Governor of New York, who refused to take his wife to Richmond lest she should meet in the Governor's mansion there the daughter of President Davis.

FROM WASHINGTON.  
[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20, 1891.

Mr. Meredith, who once represented the Alexandria district in the Virginia Senate, was here to-day. He was at Leesburg yesterday and will be at Stafford court house to-morrow. Mr. Meredith was a candidate for the democratic congressional nomination in his district last year, and, judging from what people from his district who come here say, seems now to have the best chance of being General Lee's successor. He thinks so himself, and his friends say there is no doubt about it, and that he is already assured of the support of the delegations from Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford and King George counties in the convention that will make the nomination. Of two of the other gentlemen whose names have been spoken of in connection with the nomination, Messrs. Epps Hinton, Jr., and Walton Moore, the first, it is said, will stump his county, Fauquier, for Meredith, and that the latter will do the same in his county, Fairfax.

It is stated here that Duluth parties will build the proposed Alexandria street railroad; that the route of that road will be from the foot of King street to Spring Park, to the right of the upper end of that street, and that it will be built in short order.

General Wade Hampton is still here. He says he thinks the Farmers' Alliance has had its day, and will disintegrate and entirely disappear in a year or two. Its impracticable ideas, he says, have been the cause of its decadence.

Senator Kellogg of Louisiana is as rank a republican as ever, but is disgusted at the way in which the present administration has been conducted, and thinks the democrats will make a clean sweep this, as they did last fall, and he calculates to increase his bank account considerably by betting as he talks.

In respect of the charges brought and the recommendations made by the civil service commission, it is stated on the best possible authority that the members of that commission are just as ignorant of the fate thereof as any body else. They bring the charges and make the recommendations; simply that and nothing more.

Representatives of the Washington and Arlington Railroad Company were at the War Department yesterday in reference to the route their road shall take through the Arlington reservation, to the boundary line of which its rails are now laid.

The President told a friend to-day that he had not determined to appoint ex-Gov. Steel commissioner of pensions, and that he did not yet know whether there would be a change in the office referred to.

Senator Barbour returned from New York last week, and immediately thereafter went to West Virginia.

General Howard, in his annual report as commander of the Department of the East, says: "In the general plan adopted in 1885, Washington

was to be fortified after New York, San Francisco, Boston and Hampton Roads, but later the defense of Hampton Roads has been combined with that of Washington, so that by 1893 some of the new guns it is hoped, will be ready for mounting, both at Hampton Roads and on the Potomac below Washington.

VIRGINIA NEWS.  
The Wickham monument will be unveiled in Richmond on Thursday, October 29th.  
Mrs. Edmund Berkeley, wife of C. E. Edmund Berkeley, of Haymarket, Police William county, died last Saturday at her husband's residence.

M. C. Morris, late chief of police of Roanoke, who was recently suspended for malfeasance in office, has been indicted on three counts for embezzlement.

Governor McKinney yesterday issued a regulation upon the authority of the State of Washington for the delivery of Wayman Sutton, who is charged with murder in Wythe county.

The statue which is to be erected at Richmond to the memory of Gen. A. P. Hill, Lee's old commander, will not be placed in position until next spring.

Blabop Whittle, who is confined to his bed at his residence in Richmond by severe illness, is better, and his physician is inclined to the belief that his patient's malady has pretty well run its course.

Wm. Lane Scott, the eldest son of the late John F. Scott, of Fredericksburg, died in St. Louis on Sunday. Mr. Scott was a gallant soldier during the late war and a member of the Fredericksburg Artillery.

Chairman Eliason is actively at work pushing the legislative campaign in all sections of the State. No question is felt about the democrats having a majority in each branch of the General Assembly.

A meeting of the survivors of the Veteran Cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia will be held in Richmond, on the evening of October 28th, 1891, for the purpose of organizing a Veteran Cavalry Association, to take action looking to the erection of a monument to the memory of General J. E. B. Stuart.

The total number of patients in the Western Lunatic Asylum in Staunton on October 1, 1890, was 603—294 male and 309 female. There have been 121 patients admitted this year—76 males and 45 females. The number of re-admissions during the past fiscal year was 22—16 males and 6 females. New patients admitted, 99—males 60, females 39. There have been 724 patients under treatment during the year, of which 374 were male and 350 female. Removed, 115—74 male and 41 female. The number on hand is 609, of whom 296 are male and 313 are female.

A case of great local interest to Eastern Shore people, especially the oystermen, was heard at Onancock yesterday. It was that of Moore, Corbin & Martin, oyster planters, against a large number of dredgers on the charge of taking oysters from the planted grounds of this firm in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The case was argued by Quimby & Quimby and State Senator Blackstone for Moore, Corbin & Martin, and Hon. T. H. Bayly Browne and James H. Fletcher, esq., of Accomac, for the oystermen. The case was decided in favor of the oystermen, it being proved that the grounds taken up by the firm were in great part natural oyster rocks. The speech of Mr. Goode was one of the greatest ever delivered there.

FOREIGN NEWS.  
The German officials say that the harvest returns do not warrant fears of a widespread distress.

A panic and stampede occurred at a managerie in Pesth, Hungary, yesterday, caused by a lion clashing a spectator through his cage. Many persons were hurt in the crush.

The Cuban government will soon issue a safe conduct to refugees in the American and Spanish legations at Santiago. The government has recognized the right of asylum in a letter to United States Minister Egan.

It is said that the Sultan has signified to Russia his disapproval of the proposed passage of a ship-of-war carrying the Russian Grand Duke George through the Dardanelles, and that the Porte is preparing to fortify entrance to the Bosphorus from the Black sea.

Russian troops are invading Chinese territory near the Alai plateau. It is semi-officially announced in London that an understanding is in state of discussion between representatives of England and China which will pledge the two countries to mutual assistance against Russian aggression in Central Asia.

The garrison at Tiemien, in the vicinity of the frontier of Morocco, has suddenly received orders to march upon and occupy Toulait, the oasis in the Sahara concerning which France and Morocco have been disputing for some time past, in order to prevent its being occupied by the forces of the Sultan of Morocco.

Piedmont Convocation.  
[Correspondence Alexandria Gazette.]

The fifteenth semi-annual meeting of this convocation was held in St. James' church, Leesburg, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of last week. Services were held three times during the day, at early morning, eleven o'clock and at night. Business meetings engaged most of the intervening time. Three new members were admitted to convocation—the Revs. Chas. F. Harrison, of Rappahannock county; J. Cleveland Hall, of Fairfax Co. H., and J. W. Keeble, of Hamilton and Goreville churches, Loudoun county. All the ministers within the bounds of convocation were present except Rev. D. Grammer of The Plains, Fauquier, who was detained by a wedding in his parish; Rev. T. M. Meredith who had been sick, and Rev. Mr. Osborne, of Leesburg church, Fauquier, who has not yet become a member of the convocation. The convocation at this meeting celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its reorganization after the war.

Rev. G. W. Nelson, of Warrenton, in an interesting address briefly recounted its history. Then there were four ministers within its bounds; now there are seventeen, with two parishes vacant. Twenty-two churches have been built during these 25 years, and the number of rectories increased by eleven. Stirring addresses on diocesan and foreign missions were delivered by the Rev. Pike Powers, D. D., of Richmond, and Rev. H. T. Sharp of Alexandria. The convocation sermon preached by the Rev. E. S. Hinks, of Upperville, on the text, "Faith without works is dead," was an earnest and clear exposition of Christian duty applicable to both clergy and laity.

The convocation discussed the great need of a missionary within its bounds, and hopes that funds may be raised in the near future so as to enable it to employ one. Reports from parishes and association meetings were very encouraging. The church at Warrenton has been much improved by the addition of an organ and choir; transept near the chancel, and also beautified by stained windows. The organization of St. James' church, Leesburg, has \$5,000 in hand toward building a new church. The convocation adjourned to meet at Haymarket next spring.

Leesburg, Oct. 18.

Governor Hill in Richmond.  
As stated in the GAZETTE Gov. Hill, of New York, reached Richmond yesterday on his way to Atlanta. Last night there was a big meeting at the Academy of Music.

A few minutes past 8:30 o'clock Governor Hill took the platform. He was followed by Gov. McKinney, President Preston Bell, of the Powhatan Club, and others who took part in the dinner yesterday evening at Murphy's Hotel.

Governor Hill was presented by Governor McKinney. Governor McKinney, in introducing the distinguished guest of the occasion, spoke of the death of the republican party in Virginia. "The republicans are dead," said he, "and I do not believe that the angels can remove the stone from its tomb." Speaking of the names of distinguished presidential nomination, Governor McKinney said: "There is no sectionalism in the democratic party. If you cannot agree upon a candidate from the East you can go to the West and select the distinguished Senator, upon this platform, from Indiana (Mr. Voorhees). We'll find them good cheer and stand by him to the last vote we have. They can come to the South and take the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Garman), and there is not a man in the whole South who does not respect him for his course in defeating that malignant tariff bill. But," continued the Virginia executive, "they will not take a man from the South, but if they think best to take for the third time Grover Cleveland, it will meet with our hearty approval." The allusion to the name of Mr. Cleveland elicited most vigorous applause. Re-echoing Governor McKinney said: "Mr. Cleveland has given us the best administration we have had in a quarter of a century but," added the speaker, "should they see fit to give the nomination to Mr. Cleveland, there is another man in whose hands the democratic banner has never been known to trail. He sits before us. The distinguished Governor of New York, David B. Hill."

Governor Hill, after acknowledging the kind and flattering reception extended him and his associates by the citizens of Richmond, proceeded with his remarks: "I do not forget the fact," said he, "that you have contributed so much to the glory of our common country. I was Jefferson, as we all know, who founded the great democratic party. His name will live long after that of any other man. I differ with Dr. Cheever Dewey, who said the name of Hamilton will survive that of Jefferson. I believe that the name of Jefferson will live after that of Hamilton shall have been forgotten." Continuing, Gov. Hill recalled the declarations of Jefferson, among which was that the civil law was superior to the military; the individual liberty of the citizen; the economical administration of the affairs of the government; and that all taxation should be for the general good and not for the benefit or protection of the few. The speaker then reviewed the results of the campaign of last year. "We have had occasion for several years," he continued, "to examine the measures proposed by the opponents of the democratic party. That party believes that the revenues should be only what is necessary for the economical administration of the government." He congratulated the assembly that the force bill has met with at least temporary defeat, and he hoped, with permanent defeat. It was a most dangerous bill, "I am not here," he said, "to say the danger is fully past, but I am here to say no such bill will pass the next House." The Governor then reviewed the inconsistencies of the McKinley tariff bill, pointing out such trifles as acorns and beeswax, which that measure exempted. Of the last named article, the speaker said the republicans would not protect the American bees, but looked after the interests of the pauper bees of Europe. Governor Hill's allusion to the estate in Richmond of Gen. R. E. Lee, referring to it as the monument to that great Southern leader, called forth prolonged applause, indeed, the most enthusiastic cheering of the evening, the next being the reference to Cleveland. The Governor said the democrats propose to keep New York in the column. He predicted the election of Roosevelt P. Flower and the rest of the democratic ticket in that State.

The Governor spoke for over thirty minutes. After Governor Hill, speeches were made by Senator Voorhees, General Slocum and Clarke Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution. General Slocum made a capital speech. His allusions to Hill were liberally applauded, as were those to Cleveland. Senator Voorhees said: "Fear you that I am ashamed to exult in the names of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson? The day will come when you of the South will do equal honor to the memory of Lincoln and Grant. They are all Americans of whom we should feel proud."

Gen. Slocum complimented the audience upon their liberality of its applause and humorously alluded to his various attempts to reach the city during the war, and that he was far better acquainted in the suburbs of the city than within its limits.

After the meeting the distinguished visitors went to the executive mansion, where Governor McKinney held a reception till nearly 11 o'clock. At 11:12 the party left for the depot on their way South.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.  
James Brady, an Irishman, aged thirty-five years, attempted to murder his wife by cutting her throat, and then attempted suicide by cutting his own throat with a razor at Elkton, Md., yesterday. The neighbors were startled by seeing Brady come running out of his house with blood streaming from a gaping wound in his throat, crying that his wife had tried to murder him. A crowd soon gathered, and a doctor was sent for.

On entering the house his wife was found with two cuts on her throat, from which blood was flowing freely. Blood was smeared over the furniture and floor, showing that a desperate struggle had taken place. The four little children were huddled in a corner, crying. Brady was arrested and taken to jail, where it was found that he was in an almost exhausted condition from loss of blood.

It was found that his wife had been nearly severed and several blood vessels had been cut. Mrs. Brady's wounds were found to be several cuts across the throat and chin but not dangerous.

Mrs. Brady claims that while they were eating their supper Mr. Brady became provoked at her, and going to the sideboard, where he kept his razor, he pulled out his razor, caught her by the hair, pulled her head back, and attempted to cut her throat. Thinking he had succeeded, he then attempted to kill himself. It is claimed that jealousy was the cause of the tragedy, and that Michael, a brother of Mr. Brady, who has been boarding with them, was the cause of the trouble.

"Whom the gods love die young," says Byron; but why die when you can cure the cold or cough, which neglected means death, with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the old reliable!

A sensible woman will not fail to keep a bottle of Salvation Oil on hand for men's ouches and bruises.

DIED.

On Friday, October 18, at his home, No. 123 south Henry street, DARIUS A. BARK, an only son of George and Mary Bark, aged 11 years. He loved his Savior, was one of His chosen, and was called to his eternal rest in heaven. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church to-day at 3 p. m.

NEWS OF THE DAY.  
The Russians, in advancing through Pomerania, have had, it is said, a brush with the Ottomans.

A big bull fight took place at the City of Mexico Saturday afternoon. Twelve thousand people were present and nine bulls killed.

Ex-U. S. Senator Hampton says: The Farmers' Alliance is rapidly disintegrating in the South, and within the next four years it will completely disappear, to live only in the memory of those who have benefitted by the upheaval.

Two young girls, Miss Pink Goudy, of Grafton, and Miss Cora Bors, of Keyser, W. Va., were taken into custody at Clarkburg yesterday. They had run away from home and were on their way to Cumberland, where they expected to join a theatrical troupe.

Mr. Manly, of Augusta, Me., who is supposed to be in Mr. Blaine's confidence, says the Maine delegation to the national convention will not present Mr. Blaine's name, but that if his name is presented by some other delegation and he is nominated he will not decline.

Frank Varney, a Hungarian wanted in Russia, N. Y., for the murder of Wolf and, was arrested at Clarkburg, yesterday. It is alleged that Varney entered the room of the friends while they were sleeping, for the purpose of robbery. They woke up, and he plunged a knife into them.

As a result of a dispute between the New York Associated Press and the Western Union Telegraph Company relative to the contract for the leasing of wires, the Western Union Company, at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, cut all the loops attached to wires used by the Associated Press. The difference to day was readjusted.

Rev. Sam Small, the evangelist, has been arrested in Boston on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, but has been released on bail. It is said that the transaction which resulted in the arrest was agreed upon in August, 1890, when Mr. Small was president of the O. O. O. University. He says his arrest is the work of the republicans.

The democrats in mass meeting in Harlem last night were pronounced a great success. Hon. Jordan L. Motron presided. Addresses were made by Mr. Flower, Senator Sheahan, Congressman Ashten P. Fien and Col. John R. Fien. In the course of his speech, Mr. Flower, in telling how New York lost the World's Fair, said: "The fair was within reach of our people and it was, upon deliberation and a preconcerted plan, sacrificed that Plati, Haeckel and the Hon. Jacob Sloat Fassett might maintain control of the republican party in this State."

The Methodists.

The Ecumenical Conference of the M. E. Church will close its sessions in Washington this evening. Yesterday, after the adoption of a statistical report showing a total of over twenty-five million adherents of Methodism in the world, on an essay on "Legal Restraint of the Vice of Society," prepared by Hon. B. W. B. Hill, of Mason, G. V., was read by W. V. Tudor, of Richmond. Rev. Joseph Pennington, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, delivered an address on the same subject, touching gambling and betting particularly. Judge H. L. Sibley, of Martinsburg, O., spoke of the laws of marriage and divorce. In the afternoon, after two papers on "The Lord's Day," one by Rev. T. G. Steward, of the A. M. E. Church of Baltimore, there was quite an extended discussion on the relation of the church to amusements. The chief speakers were Thomas Riddle, B. A., headmaster of Bible Christian College, Devon, Eng., and Bishop Fox, of the M. E. Church. After this discussion the committee charged with the preparation of an address to Methodists throughout the world presented their address, which was read by Dr. James Chapman, of England.

A FINE RAILROAD BRIDGE.—The bridge which the Metropolitan Southern (Baltimore and Ohio) is constructing across its upper creek promises to be a very fine structure. Over \$80,000 will be spent upon it," said a gentleman who is in a position to know. A offer dam has been built across the stream to better enable the contractors to lay a solid foundation, and, including the men, who are grading and otherwise working in the neighborhood, nearly 800 are employed. It seems to be a settled thing that the road will, as early as possible, approach Georgetown by connecting with the Washington and Western road at the Ohio bridge.—Wash. Star

BOLD HIGHWAYMEN.—Wm. Robnett, of Wise county, Va., was robbed of a few nights since. He had purchased a valuable farm of a Mr. Moore, on the Backwater, in Lee county, Va., and had been out during the day raising the money to make a payment. He was making his way home on horseback after night, having collected some \$2,200, when he was attacked by several men. A shot was fired at him, but the ball struck some horse shoes he had in his pocket and his life was saved by them. He tried to run his horse across his face, but failed, when he was caught and his clothes stripped from him and his money taken.

THE BAPTISTS.—The General Association of the Baptist church of Virginia will be held this year in the Cumberland street Baptist church in Norfolk. The body will meet early in November. Rev. Dr. C. Tyre, of Salem, will preach the opening sermon. Since the Association adjourned there last fall Hon. H. K. Ely, who for so many years was secretary of the Home Mission Board, has died.

DUEL FUGHT BY WOMEN.—A duel was fought at Brown town, W. Va., Saturday evening by Miss Ida Ingram, a handsome young woman, and Mrs. Minnie Berry, a widow. They had quarreled about a well-known young man of Brownstown, and the widow went to the lady's house. She found her alone. Mrs. Ingram armed herself with a chair and Mrs. Berry used a knife. In a few minutes the walls were splattered with blood and the chair splintered on the floor. She is disabled for life and may not recover. Mrs. Berry has been arrested.

The republican campaign managers of Iowa are panic-stricken over the withdrawal from the party of Judge James G. Day, which is now to be followed by a similar action on the part of Judge Charles A. Bisbee. Judge Bisbee will present a democratic mass meeting in Des Moines, on Friday night, and will then announce his purpose to support the democratic ticket.

The orange crop of Louisiana, which is rapidly approaching ripening, is immense; in fact, one of the largest ever raised. Some of the trees are so laden with oranges that the branches have to be supported with props to prevent their breaking. The crop will be picked by the end of October and is now about past any danger of damage.

Would you care to have a word of advice worth a great deal? Never tamper with your baby's health by using opiates to quiet its troubles, but use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup instead.

A most every season has its drawback. At present our citizens seem to be troubled with an attack of catarrh, which, however, can be easily overcome by Old Bull's Catarrh Cure.

POSTSCRIPT

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Foreign News.  
DUBLIN, Oct. 20.—The Freeman's Journal to-day says that there is strong feeling throughout the country in favor of reconciliation. It adds: "If the measure of home rule granted by the liberals is inadequate, it will again become necessary to coerce them into submission, which could only be done by a united party."

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—The capital of Russia to-day is en fete from the most gorgeous palaces to the most humble tenements, for the Czar has decreed that this, the 54th anniversary of the battle of Navarino, where, in 1827, the combined British, French and Russian fleets, under Sir Edward Codrington, annihilated the Turkish and Egyptian navies, should be celebrated with special pomp and significance. The occasion for this special celebration was the launching of three new Russian ironclads, one of them, the Navarino, being a battle ship of immense size and power. These launchings took place in the presence of all the foreign naval attaches and of crowds of people. Among the spectators was Admiral Count Heyden, who fought at the famous battle which is being so grandly celebrated. The launch of the new naval monster was successful, and there is now floating in these waters a barbed battle ship said to be at least equal in size, strength and speed to any ship of the same class now used by any navy in the world. The Navarino is, generally speaking, a vessel similar to the much praised "Admiral" class of battle ships which have become so popular in the British navy.

The Ecumenical Methodist Council.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The twelfth and last day's session of the Ecumenical Methodist Council opened this morning with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Allen, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, England, in the chair. The Business Committee reported a resolution looking to the appointment of a deputization representative of the conference to visit the Pan Presbyterian Council to be held at Toronto next year. The committee also reported amendments to the resolution presented yesterday relative to the creation of an executive commission to make the necessary arrangements for the next Ecumenical Conference. The effect of these amendments was to leave the selection of the commission to the various conferences, the Business Committee to undertake the conduct of the business of the Ecumenical conference until the commissioners are appointed.

The reports were adopted without division. The topic of the day was "The Outlook." The first essay of the session was on the subject of the Christian resources of the Old World, by Rev. John S. Simon, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Kent, Eng. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Watts, of London; Rev. J. A. M. Chapman, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Tudor, of Richmond; Rev. J. C. Piles, colored, of North Carolina; Rev. Dr. Lambeth, of the Japan Mission and Bishop Kenner.

Gas Explosion.  
PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 20.—The explosion of natural gas in the cellar of a building occupied by George W. Shuman, carpet dealer, in Allegheny, at 11 o'clock this morning, badly damaged the building and dangerously injured Mr. Shuman and F. J. Hillert. Shuman was frightfully burned and will probably die. The building took fire and is now burning. Several frame buildings in the rear are also on fire and it is feared all will be destroyed. The gas had been escaping for several days and Hillert was hunting for the leak when the explosion occurred. The Shuman structure is four stories high and built of iron and brick. The loss will be heavy.

At 12:15 the fire was gotten under control. The frame buildings were saved, but the Shuman building is a total wreck. Loss \$75,000. Insured. Five persons were injured, some fatally. The concussion was terrific, wrecking the lower floors of the structure and breaking windows a block away.

The Lutherans.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 20.—The Evangelical Lutheran conference has adopted a resolution that no persons representing directly or indirectly a so-called irregular and unlawful assembles shall be allowed to perform any official act in any of the churches. In reference to those members who are still in rebellion conference took decisive action by making it the duty of the preacher in charge to erase names of such persons from membership.

A Blow at the Knights of Labor.  
MONTREAL, Oct. 20.—Archbishop Taschereau has issued in La Semaine Religieuse, the organ of the church, a fierce article denouncing the principles enunciated in their Montreal addresses by Grand Master Workman Powderly and Mr. Wright, as directly opposed to the latest papal encyclical and asks Catholics to stay away from such leaders. The Archbishop threatens, in case of refusal, to put condemnation again in force.

A Reign of Terror.  
RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas, Oct. 20.—The Mexican consul here requires all citizens to get a pass for the other side, granting them only to those he deems loyal. Without one, passers will find themselves in deadly peril in Mexico. Shots, and cries of wives and children for mercy can be plainly heard on the Texas side. A number of families at that point, terror-stricken, have fled to this side, where they are camping in open air.

Fatal Accident.  
NORFOLK, Neb., Oct. 20.—Y standing at the North street sugar factory, O. O. O. by, son of one of Norfolk's leading business men, fell into one of the carbonating tanks and was overcome by the carbonic acid gas.

Jules Vigeriaux, chief musician, entered the tank to rescue young O. O. O. by, who was also overcome, but was himself rescued. Mr. Cobb died soon after being taken out. Vigeriaux will hardly recover.

The Boyd Thayer Case.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The U. S. Supreme Court to-day advanced the hearing of the case of Boyd vs. Thayer, arising out of a contest over the Nebraska Governorship and assigned it for argument on the first Monday in December after the cases already assigned for that day.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.  
Batistice Collins, undergoing sentence for passing counterfeit money, and John Bush, a well-known burglar, escaped from the Reading, Pa., jail last night.  
Secretary Foster will leave Washington this evening for Ohio, to remain until after the election. He is booked for ten speeches in behalf of the republican cause.

The Molsberger mines at Webster, Pa., which were the first to pay the advance to miners, have closed down again on account of the mysterious disappearance of manager Molsberger. The men are three weeks in arrears in wages and Molsberger went to Pittsburgh last Saturday to get money to pay them. He has not returned and to-day the mines closed down.

Sergeant-at-arms Hutchinson, of the State Senate, was in Pittsburgh, Penn., to-day looking for William Livesey, the missing ex-cashier of the State Treasury who is wanted in Harrisburg to testify in legislative investigation into the affairs of the Auditor General and State Treasurer. Sergeant Hutchinson called upon Mrs. Livesey, wife of the missing man, but was unable to learn anything concerning his whereabouts.

The great warehouse of the N. W. Jersey Wine Company, at Passaic, N. J., caught fire this morning, and in two hours was totally consumed. Great quantities of spirits stored in the building made it burn like tinder. The office and plant of the Passaic firm, located in the building, was also destroyed. The warehouse was four stories high and brick. Between 500 and 1,000 barrels of wine were consumed. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Prof. Isaac C. Russell and party, who were sent by the United States government and national geographical society to explore the region about Mount St. Elias, arrived at Vancouver, B. C., to-day. They ascended Mount St. Elias on the north side, reaching an elevation of 14,500 feet, when they were turned back by a cloud and severe snow storm. From observations taken the mountain is between eighteen or nineteen thousand feet high.

Another step was taken to-day in Cincinnati in the legal contest of the absorption of the Ohio and Mississippi by the Hamilton and Ohio road, and it was in favor of the absorber.

The large brewery of Joseph Schneider at Highland Park, N. J., was set on fire by tramps this morning. Six buildings were burned with contents. Loss \$80,000.

Jackson Fletcher, who was to have been shot at Caddo, I. T., on the thirtieth ultimo, but who was granted a new trial, has been re-sentenced to be shot October 23.

Gill and Fisher, Baltimore grain men, have contracted for 750,000 bushels of grain at Kansas City alone, to be delivered in Baltimore before January 1.

A dance at Fort Seneca, Ohio, last night broke up in a murder and the fatal wounding of several persons.

The British sailors Otto and E. B. Marvin, seized in Behring sea, have been released at Victoria, B. C.

The sixth annual session of the State Council Junior O. O. O. United American Mechanics convened in Roanoke yesterday. Most of the day was taken up hearing reports of officers, all of which showed the order to be progressing rapidly. Six lodges were organized during the past year and the membership of the State Council is now more than 20,000.

George Boyle, one of the best known engineers on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while out on the foot board of his engine oiling some of the machinery yesterday afternoon, between Washington and Baltimore, and while the train was running fifty miles per hour, missed his footing and fell off, fatally injuring himself.

[Communicated.]  
The democrats of the 8th Congressional district will soon be called upon to select a candidate for the House of Representatives to fill the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Gen. W. H. F. Lee. It is important that a man be selected who has the confidence of the party and the respect of the whole district. I suggest the name of the Hon. E. E. Meredith, of Prince William county, as one whose democracy is unquestioned, and whose zealous manner and undoubted integrity have won the respect of all. Mr. Meredith has been a hard worker in the interests of democracy in this district and is undoubtedly entitled to the nomination.

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DIVIDENDS.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHEMURCH BREWING COMPANY held Oct. 13th, A. D. 1891, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That a dividend of ten per cent. be declared on the capital stock of this company, payable on and after October 31st, A. D. 1891, at the branch office of this company, No. 1233 20th Street N. W